

34 years. The challenge for all of us today is to make sure that those doors of opportunity stay open for our granddaughters and great-granddaughters.

As we celebrate the anniversary of this important law, I urge President Bush and Secretary of Education Spellings to protect existing title IX policies and give every young girl in America the chance to experience the roar of a crowd—and not just cheer from the sidelines.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

U.S. ARMY LT SHAW VAUGHN

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, I wish to take a moment of the Senate's time to remember a Coloradan who was lost to us last week in defense of this Nation.

Shaw Vaughan was a loving and supportive son and older brother, an avid hunter and fly fisherman. One of his most prized possessions was his 1969 Jeepster Commando, an off-roading vehicle he had personally rebuilt, affectionately named Hercules. Hercules sits quiet today, its red finish gleaming undimmed in the mountain sun.

U.S. Army LT John Shaw Vaughan, of Edwards, in Eagle County in my State of Colorado, was killed on June 7 in Mosul, Iraq. Lieutenant Vaughan was a young man with his entire life before him: He was a mere 23 years old, and had been in Iraq only a month.

As a middle school student, Shaw Vaughan caught the eye of our military leaders for his regional science fair project: comparing the accuracy of store-bought ammunition with that assembled by him. He graduated Battle Mountain High School in 2001 and attended the prestigious Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, FL. Upon graduation, Lieutenant Vaughan was 1 of only 70 cadets, out of 5,000, to receive a much-sought-after assignment in military intelligence in the infantry. It was a high honor, reflecting his intellect, work ethic, and commitment to our Nation.

Lieutenant Vaughan was stationed in Alaska, a part of our country he had visited with his family years earlier. I guess you could say that Alaska had "hooked" the fisherman in Lieutenant Vaughan, and he was looking forward to his service there after he completed his time in Iraq.

Lieutenant Vaughan was eager to get to Iraq, to serve with his unit. In his e-mails and phone calls back home, Lieutenant Vaughan spoke of how strongly he felt about America's mission in Iraq. He told stories of Iraqi families leading him into their homes, telling him horror stories of their families' sufferings under the brutal regime of Saddam Hussein.

As one newspaper in my home State observed, it seems that every story about Shaw Vaughan was different, and yet, the same: "one of a great guy and a courageous man lost too soon."

In Act III of William Shakespeare's classic Henry V, King Henry says with

pride, "As I am a soldier, A name that in my thoughts becomes me best."

I will think of this today as I bow my head in prayer for the loss of Lieutenant Vaughan, a life of such great promise that was snuffed out too soon. LT Shaw Vaughn took pride in his life as a soldier, and it is truly a name that, in all of our thoughts, becomes him best.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF MILLER, SD

• Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to the 125th anniversary of the founding of Miller, SD. Miller is the county seat of Hand County, and a center of commerce and civic-mindedness. I am proud to recognize Miller on this historic occasion.

The site for the town was selected by Henry Miller in 1881 as he came north from Benton County, IA. An immigrant train was secured from Chicago that brought 22 men to the site. The men drew lots for claims and formed the town plat on a 40-acre area. Shortly a grocery store, hardware store, hotel, and lumber yard were established. A metropolitan hall was also built in order to hold public meetings, dances, and other social events.

Miller is still a thriving community, with two high schools, a public library, Hand County Memorial Hospital, the Miller Press weekly newspaper, many civic organizations, numerous churches, and a variety of stores.

The people of Miller will be celebrating the quasiquicentennial June 30 through July 4. Some of the scheduled events include a stage performance of "\$400, 40 Acres and Fortitude: The Making of Miller," school reunions, softball, a parade, fireworks, and community potluck. These activities will serve to bring this close-knit community even closer together.

I am proud to publicly honor the progressive and innovative community of Miller on this important milestone. Even 125 years after its founding, Miller continues to be a vibrant addition to our wonderful State, and I once again congratulate them on this achievement.●

THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF BALTIC, SD

• Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to the 125th anniversary of the city of Baltic, SD.

Baltic was founded in 1881 by Richard Franklin and Justin Pettigrew. Baltic, originally named St. Olaf, came into being when the Milwaukee Railroad laid down track between Dell Rapids and Sioux Falls. A weigh station was established on the current site of Baltic. This development was quickly followed by the construction of the power dam and the St. Olaf Roller Mill, the latter being the work of the town's

founders, Franklin and Pettigrew. The flour mill was located on the Big Sioux River and used water as its main source of power, producing 120 barrels of flour each day. In 1884, a bridge was built between Sverdrup and Dell Rapids townships over the Big Sioux River. In 1890, the first school house was built and the first church, Baltic Lutheran, was constructed in 1903. In 1907 three lamp posts were purchased in order to light the city streets. Baltic had several population booms, one in early 1900 and another in the 1970s.

Baltic's placement on the Big Sioux River has brought people to the community and increased the town's commercial importance. Today, Baltic is a progressive community of about 900 citizens. They have many thriving businesses including a post office, co-op, seed company, bank, and the Baltic Beacon newspaper. Baltic is also home to the Baltic High School Bulldogs.

Baltic will be celebrating its 125th anniversary on July 1 through July 4 with a number of events, including a community block party.

Even 125 years after its founding, Baltic still exemplifies what it means to be a great South Dakota community. I am proud to publicly honor Baltic on this memorable occasion, and congratulate the people of Baltic on their achievements.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:16 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Brandon, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4890. An act to amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to provide for the expedited consideration of certain proposed rescissions of budget authority.

H.R. 5638. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the unified credit against the estate tax to an exclusion equivalent of \$5,000,000 and to repeal the sunset provision for the estate and generation-skipping taxes, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 409) commemorating the 60th anniversary of the ascension to the throne of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 5638. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the unified credit against the estate tax to an exclusion equivalent of \$5,000,000 and to repeal the sunset provision for the estate and generation-skipping taxes, and for other purposes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted: